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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I live in a rural area and have been informed by the large companies that service is available but on a limited basis. We cannot receive the same service (speed) as we would receive if we lived in the big city. Our local competitive provider is great. I can get ahold of them at any time and have my problems resolved in a very reasonable amount of time. Since I'm a small business owner, this is a blessing. I listen to my friends in the bigger cities complain about the hours they spend on the phone with the big providers. They tell me the only resolution they get is frustration.

I have a small business that uses the internet to stay current and make orders. I do not need to have an increase in my overhead costs. We have appreciated the improvements, since we were previously connected with DSL and before that a dedicated phone line.

Please, no price hikes. Our country was founded on competition. Let's keep it alive.

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